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Dear Ms. Dortch:

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This is an ex parte notification filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules.

and Eloise Gore of the Commission's DTV Working Group Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his Legal Advisor, Johanna Mikes Shelton; and Rick Chessen Kevin Martin and his Legal Advisor, Catherine Bohigian; Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy; for Media; Commissioner Michael Copps and his Legal Advisor, Jordan Goldstein; Commissioner and the undersigned met, in separate meetings, with Jon Cody, Chairman Powell's Legal Advisor Jim Conschafter, Senior Vice President of Broadcast Stations of Media General Broadcast Group, On January 13, 2004, David Barrett, President and CEO of Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc.,

the broadcast of HDTV and multicast programming. with multichannel video providers and their plans for full utilization of their digital signals, including attempting to negotiate voluntary carriage agreements of their digital television broadcast signals television broadcast signals. Messrs. Barrett and Conschaffer explained their experiences in The purpose of the meetings was to urge Commission support of "must carry" for digital

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An original and five copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary with additional copies delivered to each person who participated in the meetings.

If any questions should arise during the course of your consideration of this matter, it is respectfully requested that you communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,

Wade H. Hargrove

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